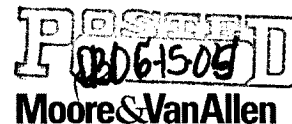


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June 14, 2005

**VIA UPS EXPRESS**

Mr. Charles Terreni  
Chief Clerk Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Docket No. 2005-125-G – Notice of Election of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Application of the Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act to its Rates and Charges.

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Pursuant to the directions contained in the May 16, 2005 correspondence from the Docketing Department of the Public Service Commission of the State of South Carolina in the above-captioned matter, I have enclosed a Certification from Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s Director of Rates, Mr. David Carpenter, attesting to the provision of the Notice of Hearing of this matter to Piedmont's South Carolina customers by U.S. Mail on or before May 26, 2005.

*OK*  
Piedmont has not yet received affidavits of publication back from the newspapers of general circulation within Piedmont's service territory in which notice of this proceeding was published and, therefore, is unable to file those affidavits with the Commission at this time. Piedmont has, however, confirmed that notice of this proceeding was in fact published as required by the May 16, 2005 letter from the Docketing Department. Piedmont will file affidavits of publication from those newspapers attesting to this fact as soon as they are received by the Company.

If you have any questions about this filing you may reach me at the number shown above.

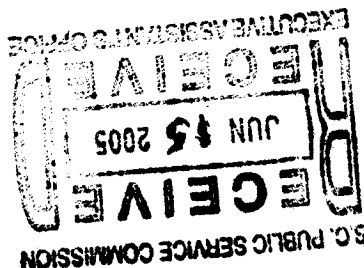
Sincerely,

James H. Jeffries IV

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Enclosure

c: All Parties of Record  
Mr. Kim Cocklin  
Mr. Kerry McTigue



BEFORE  
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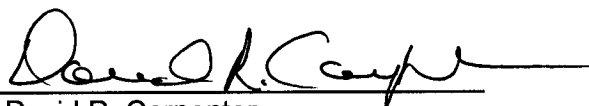
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In the Matter Of )  
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Notice of Election of Piedmont Natural Gas )  
Company, Inc. for Application of the Natural )  
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**CERTIFICATION**

I, David R. Carpenter, being first duly sworn, hereby certify as follows:

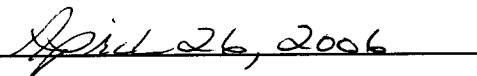
1. I am a citizen and resident of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and am neither an infant nor incompetent.
2. I am Director of Rates for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
3. As directed by the Public Service Commission of the State of South Carolina, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. has, at its own expense and on or before May 26, 2005, provided the attached Notice of Hearing to each of its customers affected by this proceeding by U.S. Mail.

  
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David R. Carpenter

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

  
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April 26, 2006

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING**

**DOCKET NO. 2005-125-G**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. FOR APPLICATION OF THE NATURAL GAS RATE STABILIZATION ACT TO ITS RATES AND CHARGES**

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), pursuant to Section 58-5-410 of the S. C. Code of Laws, has filed a notice of its election of the application of the terms of the South Carolina Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act (the "Act") with the Public Service Commission (the Commission) regarding Piedmont's rates and charges for gas distribution services provided within the State of South Carolina. In conjunction with this election and as required by Sections 58-5-410 and 58-5-420 of the S. C. Code of Laws, Piedmont requests that the Commission make such findings and establish such ongoing procedures as may be required for prospective adjustments to Piedmont's base rates utilizing the rates, charges, revenues, expenses, capital structure, returns, and other matters established in Piedmont's most recent general rate proceeding in Docket No. 2002-63-G.

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P.O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, Piedmont's Application is available on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **June 15, 2005**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-125-G.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Mr. Chuck W. Fleenor, Vice President-Corporate Planning and Rates, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., Post Office Box 33068, Charlotte, North Carolina 28233 on or before **June 15, 2005**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-125-G.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **June 15, 2005**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-125-G.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Attn: Docketing Department  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

16 May 2005